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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 3, 2005

**TO:** State Board of Education

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**SUBJECT:** Update on Education Legislation

As February ends and March begins, the new Legislative 2005-06 session is now in full swing. Committees are now meeting on a regular basis and initial bills have begun to move through the legislative process.

Carol Wolenberg and I began an "overview" presentation to the House Education Committee on February 9. We were not able to complete the presentation, due to lack of time, and have been rescheduled to appear before the committee on March 9. Our focus on March 9 will be on Department organization and a review of key provisions of No Child Left Behind.

Throughout the month of February there have been a series of meetings with the State Board's Committee to meet with the Governor and legislative leadership. There was a meeting with Senator Emerson and Senate Democratic leaders in January. The remainder of the meetings were held in February. State Board President Kathleen Straus will probably provide a detailed report of these meetings. I thought the discussions were positive and there seemed to be a great deal of interest in the State Board's desire to move forward to address the delivery and financial needs of public education.

At the February State Board meeting there was discussion regarding the development of a list of bills introduced in the legislature effecting education. Attachment A is the Department's Education Legislation Status, which should prove useful to you. This is a little more detailed than what appears on the Department web site. Attachment B is the State Board of Education's 2005 Legislative Priorities that gives the description and status of each education issue. Please feel free to highlight any legislation you have a particular interest in and Bob Morris will provide any necessary background or updates.

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The following is a brief review of some of the key legislative actions taken during the past month:

**House Joint Resolution C and Senate Joint Resolution B.** These two resolutions would place a constitutional amendment on the ballot to allow the Governor to appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction, rather than the State Board of Education. There is a fundamental difference between the two resolutions. Senate advice and consent is required under SJR B, while HJR C gives the full appointment process to the Governor.

State Board members Mr. Austin and Mrs. Danhof provided outstanding testimony before the House Education Committee, however, the resolution was reported out of committee on a party line vote, with one Republican member not voting.

Mrs. Danhof also provided excellent testimony before the Senate Education Committee regarding SJR B. Before the Committee meeting, Mrs. Danhof and Bob Morris had an opportunity to discuss this issue with Senator Kuipers. The discussion had some effect, as Senator Kuipers announced that testimony only would be taken on SJR B.

**HB 4144.** This legislation amends the Assessment of Remedial Assistance Act. It essentially provides some broad guidelines for the contracting of the state assessment programs (MEAP). Ed Roeber has reviewed this legislation and indicates that it would not hamper the Department's ability to administer the MEAP. This legislation has passed the House and is in the Senate Education Committee.

**SB 93.** This legislation is identical to legislation that passed the Senate and the House last year, but died in the final hours of the legislative session. The bill essentially encourages local school districts to adopt character development curriculums in school. The legislation requires the Michigan Department of Education to make model programs available to local school districts; however, the legislation further states that the Department's obligation to meet this requirement is "limited to the amount of funds ...available to fulfill its duties under this section." This legislation has passed the Senate and is in the House Education Committee.

**Legislative Initiatives.** Discussions and workgroups continue on many of these priorities, with particular focus on the following issues:

- Principal Certification
- Zero Tolerance Expulsion/Suspension
- Public School Academy Oversight
- Dual Enrollment

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our activities on state legislative issues, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Morris.

# *Education Legislation Status*

## 2005 - 2006

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
HB 4004	Caswell	<b>TEACHER BACKGROUND CHECK</b> Exempts from required criminal background checks those substitute teachers who are hired within three months of retiring from full-time employment.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4005	Caswell	<b>SCHOOL BOUNDARY DISPUTES</b> Empowers ISD to resolve disputes over school district boundaries.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4008	Caswell	<b>RECIPROCAL TUITION AGREEMENT</b> Provides for reciprocal agreements with other states establishing tuition rates for universities.	
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4026	Stewart	<b>SCHOOL BULLYING</b> Requires schools to establish policy prohibiting bullying.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4030	Vagnozzi	<b>STATE RETIREMENT</b> Creates option for state employees to choose a defined benefit pension or defined contributions system for retirement.	House Gov't Operations
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4049	Lemmons III	<b>COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</b> Increases compulsory school attendance age to 18.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4059	Cheeks	<b>SUICIDE PREVENTION</b> Creates instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide and depression.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4060	Cheeks	<b>CLASS SIZE REDUCTION</b> Requires reduction of class size for K-3 over a 5-year period beginning in 2003-2004.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>
HB 4078	Palmer	<b>CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT</b> Removes cap on number of public school academies.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 1/27/2005</i>

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HB 4079	Palmer	<b>ED-FLEX</b> Allows educational flexibility and empowerment contracts waiving certain statutory and administrative requirements as part of performance contract.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>Introduced:</i> 1/27/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed
HB 4080	Palmer	<b>ED FLEX</b> School aid requirements would be subject to educational flexibility and empowerment contracts.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>Introduced:</i> 1/27/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed
HB 4085	Taub	<b>SCHOOL PROPERTY TRANSFER</b> Revises procedure for transfer of territory from one school district to another under certain circumstances.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed
HB 4091	Smith, V.	<b>MANDATORY KINDERGARTEN</b> Mandates kindergarten attendance.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed
HB 4097	Accavitti	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOL FOOD SALES</b> Requires rules prohibiting the sale of certain foods and beverages in public schools.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed
HB 4118	Accavitti	<b>STUDENT STEROID USE</b> Creates a state policy prescribing that students who are found to use steroids or certain dietary supplements are ineligible to participate in school sponsored athletics.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed
HB 4120	Clack	<b>YOUTH DISABILITY REHAB</b> Requires department to develop and implement an IEP for certain individuals with disabilities.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> DHS <i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Family and Children Services
HB 4122	Clack	<b>PUBLIC WARDS</b> Establishes policies and procedures to identify public wards certified as requiring special education services.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> DHS <i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Family and Children Services
HB 4125	Condino	<b>MILLAGE EXEMPTION</b> Allows certain school districts to exempt principal residence and qualified agricultural property from certain school operating millage.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005 <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed

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HB 4129	Mortimer	<b>STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS</b> Creates a student loan forgiveness program for new teachers in at-risk schools.	House Higher Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> TRS <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005
HB 4142	Palmer	<b>MEAP REVISION</b> Revises provisions in original MEAP authorizing statute relating to administration of state assessment program.	Passed House 2/15/05; Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005
HB 4143	Moolenaar	<b>DUAL ENROLLMENT</b> Revises the definition of "eligible student" in postsecondary enrollment options act.	House Higher Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/2/2005
HB 4144	Moolenaar	<b>DUAL ENROLLMENT</b> Clarifies the definition of "eligible student" in the career and technical preparation act.	House Higher Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DLEG <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/2/2005
HB 4150	Condino	<b>STUDENTS WITH DIABETES</b> Creates annual training and certain policies concerning students with diabetes.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/2/2005
HB 4179	Stewart	<b>MERIT AWARD</b> Includes the use of social studies assessment test results in qualifying for \$500 merit award scholarship.	House Higher Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/3/2005
HB 4183	Hunter	<b>DECLINING ENROLLMENT</b> Allows the use of a 3-year membership for funding in declining enrollment districts.	House Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/3/2005
HB 4184	Williams	<b>SCHOOL AID MINIMUM AGE</b> Eliminates the minimum age for a child to be counted in membership for school aid to allow funding beginning at birth.	House approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/3/2005
HB 4185	Accavitti	<b>STUDENT RECORDS</b> Defines records that follow a student who transfers to another school to include disciplinary, attendance, and health records.	House Health Policy re- referred to House Ed 2/15/05
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/3/2005

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HB 4193	Gaffney	<b>K-12 INCOME TAX CREDIT</b> Establishes an income tax credit to charitable organizations to benefit K-12 education.  <i>Lead Agency: TRS</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Tax Policy  <i>Introduced: 2/3/2005</i>
HB 4231	Anderson	<b>SCIENCE CLASS SAFETY</b> Requires safety policies, supplies, and equipment for secondary science and technology classes.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/8/2005</i>
HB 4238	Cheeks	<b>PARENTING EDUCATION</b> Includes parenting education in recommended model core curriculum and in professional development for teachers.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/8/2005</i>
HB 4254	Lipsey	<b>DISSECTION OBJECTION</b> Requires schools to provide alternatives for students with a moral objection to dissection.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/10/2005</i>
HB 4255	Lipsey	<b>CORPORAL PUNISHMENT</b> Prescribes procedures for physical restraint, intervention or force in disciplining students.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/10/2005</i>
HB 4264	Lemmons, III	<b>SINGLE SEX SCHOOLS</b> Allows single sex schools for Detroit public schools.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/15/2005</i>
HB 4274	VanderVeen	<b>3RD PARTY CLAIMS HISTORY</b> Allows disclosure of certain insurance claims history to certain persons.  <i>Lead Agency: OFIS</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/15/2005</i>
HB 4276	VanderVeen	<b>TRANSFER STUDENT</b> Revises school aid procedure to allow the per pupil allowance to follow a student who transfers after count day to apply to all districts and all pupils.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/15/2005</i>
HB 4277	Gosselin	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b> Eliminates requirement of community service or volunteer work as a condition of receiving the merit award scholarship.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	House Higher Ed  <i>Introduced: 2/15/2005</i>

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HB 4278	Gosselin	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b> Prohibits community service as a condition of graduation.	
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/15/2005
HB 4295	Hummel	<b>EDUCATION BUDGET 05-06</b> Provides FY 05-06 budget for Department of Education.	House Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/15/2005
HB 4305	Hummel	<b>SCHOOL AID 05-06</b> Provides FY 05-06 budget for K-12 school aid.	House Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/15/2005
HB 4306	Hummel	<b>SCHOOL AID</b> Provides FY 05-06 budget for K-12 school aid.	House Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/15/2005
HB 4319	Lemmons, III	<b>CHARTER SCHOOLS</b> Allows Wayne County Community College to issue charters for public school academies.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/15/2005
HB 4336	Newell	<b>BIDDING REQUIREMENTS</b> Exempts construction of certain buildings by vocational education students from competitive bidding requirements.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DLEG/MDE Co-lead <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/17/2005
HB 4338	Clack	<b>TRUANT - DRIVER LICENSE</b> Clarifies certain attendance requirements to maintain driver license.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/17/2005
HB 4339	Clack	<b>TRUANCY</b> Provides for the family division of the circuit court to notify the secretary of state of truancy disposition.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/17/2005
HB 4340	Clack	<b>TRUANCY</b> Requires adoption and implementation of local truancy policies by schools and prosecutors.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/17/2005

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HB 4351	Hildenbrand	<b>PREVAILING WAGE</b> Eliminates the requirement for payment of the prevailing wage on public school construction projects.	House Employment Relations, Training and Safety
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DLEG <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/17/2005</i>
HB 4365	Condino	<b>SCHOOL SUPPLY CREDIT</b> Provides tax credit to teachers and school administrators for certain school costs.	House Tax Policy
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> TRS <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/22/2005</i>
HB 4375	Ward	<b>SUICIDE RISK CURRICULUM</b> Encourages schools to provide instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide and depression.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/23/2005</i>
HB 4381	Whitmer	<b>EDUCATION BUDGET 05-06</b> Executive budget recommendations for Department of Education for FY -05-06	House Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/23/2005</i>
HB 4391	Whitmer	<b>SCHOOL AID</b> Executive budget recommendations for k-12 school aid for FY 05-06.	House Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/23/2005</i>
HB 4395	Caul	<b>SCHOOL COUNSELOR TENURE</b> Clarifies eligibility of school counselors for teacher tenure.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/23/2005</i>
HB 4402	Hansen	<b>SPECIAL ED PERSONNEL</b> Requires a background check on special education personnel employed by public schools.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/24/2005</i>
HB 4406	Bieda	<b>DROPOUT STATS</b> Requires dropout statistics to be submitted to the federal clearinghouse for education.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/24/2005</i>
HB 4412	Eisenheimer	<b>PREVAILING WAGE</b> Eliminates the prevailing wage on public school academy and strict discipline academy construction projects.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/24/2005</i>

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HB 4422	Sheen	<b>EARLY RETIREMENT</b> Allows early retirement for certain state employees.	House Senior Health, Security & Retirement
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 3/1/2005</i>
HB 4427	Kolb	<b>SCHOOL BUS EMISSIONS</b> Creates a pilot program for state police to monitor the effect of school bus emissions on children riders.	House Trans
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 3/1/2005</i>
HB 4430	Wenke	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX VOTE</b> Eliminates the authority of school districts to vote a tax to fund recreation systems and playgrounds.	House Tax Policy
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 3/1/2005</i>
HB 4433	Casperson	<b>TEN COMMANDMENTS DISPLAY</b> Authorizes and regulates certain display of ten commandments on public property.	House Gov't Operations
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 3/1/2005</i>
HB 4435	Waters	<b>DECLINING ENROLLMENT</b> Provides for 3-year average membership for school districts with a declining enrollment over a certain amount during a certain fiscal year.	House Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 3/2/2005</i>
HB 4439	VanderVeen	<b>SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS</b> Provides for licensure of speech-language pathologists.	House Health Policy
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 3/2/2005</i>
HJR C 0	Moolenaar	<b>SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTMENT</b> Amends constitution to provide for gubernatorial appointment of superintendent of public instruction.	House Ed reported (H-3) 3/2/05
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/1/2005</i>
HR 14	Palmer	<b>PENSION/HEALTH COSTS</b> Expresses intention of House to address the rising costs of health care and retirement of public schools.	Passed House 2/16/05
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/1/2005</i>
HR 21	Palmer	<b>READING MONTH</b> Recognizes March 2005 as Reading Month in Michigan.	House adopted 2/16/05
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced: 2/16/2005</i>

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SB	4 Brater	<b>COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE</b> Increases the age for compulsory attendance of school to 18 and provides for certain alternative education options.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Ed  <i>Introduced: 1/12/2005</i>
SB	8 Brown	<b>LOTTERY REVENUE</b> Revises the formula for distribution of lottery revenue.  <i>Lead Agency: LOT</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Approps  <i>Introduced: 1/12/2005</i>
SB	15 Clark-Colema	<b>K-3 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION</b> Requires the reduction of class size for K-3 over a 5-year period beginning in 2005-2006.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Ed  <i>Introduced: 1/12/2005</i>
SB	20 Clark-Colema	<b>PUPIL PROMOTION STANDARDS</b> Requires pupil promotion standards and policy.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Ed  <i>Introduced: 1/12/2005</i>
SB	44 Thomas	<b>ANTI-BULLYING POLICY</b> Requires all school districts to establish a policy prohibiting bullying at school.  <i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Ed  <i>Introduced: 1/25/2005</i>
SB	55 Johnson	<b>SCHOOL HEALTH CARE</b> Expands the definition of state employees to include school district and community college employees for purposes of health care insurance. "MESSA bill"  <i>Lead Agency: Civil Rights</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Approps  <i>Introduced: 1/25/2005</i>
SB	56 Johnson	<b>HEALTH INS - COLL BARGAINING</b> Eliminates health insurance for certain public employees from mandatory collective bargaining. "MESSA bill"  <i>Lead Agency: Civil Rights</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Ed  <i>Introduced: 1/25/2005</i>
SB	57 Cherry	<b>PHYSICAL ACTIVITY</b> Requires elementary students to participate in certain amounts of physical activity per week.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Senate Ed  <i>Introduced: 1/25/2005</i>
SB	69 Birkholz	<b>STRICT DISCIPLINE ACADEMY</b> Expands the referral to the strict discipline academy to include pupils suspended or expelled.  <i>Lead Agency: MDE</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	Passed Senate 2/17/05; House Ed  <i>Introduced: 1/25/2005</i>

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SB 72	Birkholz	<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b> Requires the pledge of allegiance to be offered in public schools.	Senate Ed reported 3/3/05
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/25/2005
SB 77	VanWoerkom	<b>ROTC PUPIL INSTRUCTION</b> Considers certain ROTC classes as pupil instruction time.	Passed Senate 2/10/05; House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/25/2005
SB 83	Cassis	<b>SPEC ED ADVISORY BOARD</b> Revises membership on special education advisory board.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/25/2005
SB 91	Bernero	<b>SCHOOL NUTRITION POLICY</b> Requires public schools to adopt and implement and require other measures regarding school nutrition.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/26/2005
SB 93	Garcia	<b>CHARACTER EDUCATION</b> Requires the Department to develop model and encourage public schools to provide character development program.	Passed Senate 2/17/05; House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/26/2005
SB 94	Garcia	<b>SUICIDE RISK PROGRAMS</b> Includes instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide and depression in education curricula.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/26/2005
SB 95	Garcia	<b>INSTRUCTION HOURS</b> Revises instructional time requirement in the Revised School Code.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/26/2005
SB 96	Garcia	<b>COACH'S ETHICS POLICY</b> Creates a model policy for coach's conduct and ethics policy.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/26/2005
SB 98	Garcia	<b>MVU FINANCE COURSE</b> Establishes a basic finance course through Michigan Virtual University as an elective and receive high school credit for passing course.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/26/2005

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SB 100	Garcia	<b>SCHOOL ZONING</b> Requires all public schools to adhere to local zoning ordinances.	Senate Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 1/26/2005
SB 129	Sanborn	<b>CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT</b> Prohibits an individual convicted of child sexual assault from residing within 1 mile of a school or entering upon school property as condition of probation and provides minimum term of probation.	Senate Judiciary
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MSP <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/1/2005
SB 156	Switalski	<b>STUDENT PUBLICATIONS</b> Prohibits school officials from censoring and provides for policies regarding student publications.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/3/2005
SB 179	Stamas	<b>YOUTH WORK STANDARDS</b> Revises maximum number of hours of hours a minor may work.	Senate Econ. Dev, Small Business & Regulatory Reform
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DLEG <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/9/2005
SB 180	Stamas	<b>TEACHER RETIREMENT</b> Revises definition of public school for purposes of providing service credit in retirement system.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/9/2005
SB 196	Jelinek	<b>LEGISLATOR TEACHING</b> Allows a legislator to substitute teach in public schools for no pay and substitute teacher permit.	House Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/15/2005
SB 204	Jacobs	<b>SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST</b> Provides for licensure of speech-language pathologists.	House Health Policy
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DCH <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/16/2005
SB 205	Hammerstrom	<b>SPORT SAFETY TRAINING</b> Establishes a requirement for certification in sport safety training for employment of interscholastic athletic coaches.	House Health Policy
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/16/2005
SB 232	Cherry	<b>MERIT AWARD</b> Requires the return of unused Michigan Merit award money to the treasury if the student leaves school.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/22/2005

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SB 237	Johnson	<b>SCHOOL AID SUPPLEMENTAL</b> Provides single-section supplemental appropriation for FY 04-05.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005
SB 238	Johnson	<b>SCHOOL AID</b> Provides multisection supplemental appropriation for FY 04-05.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005
SB 239	Johnson	<b>SCHOOL AID</b> Provides single-section school aid for FY 05-06.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005
SB 240	Johnson	<b>SCHOOL AID</b> Provides multisection school aid for FY 05-06.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005
SB 241	Johnson	<b>SCHOOL AID</b> Provides multisection school aid for FY 05-06.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005
SB 246	Emerson	<b>SCHOOL FUNDING GUARANTEE</b> Creates minimum funding level for K-16 education.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> DMB <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005
SB 247	Allen	<b>SPECIAL ED PERSONNEL</b> Requires a background check on special education personnel employed by public schools.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> MDE <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005
SB 269	Scott	<b>MDE BUDGET 05-06</b> FY 05-06 executive budget for the Department of Education.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 3/2/2005
SB 279	Switalzki	<b>SCHOOL AID BUDGET 05-06</b> FY 05-06 executive budget for school aid.	Senate Approps
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 3/2/2005

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SB	287 Garcia	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT</b> Requires public school employees who purchase 5 years of service to have 10 years of service before employees can purchase.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 3/3/2005
SJR B	Kuipers	<b>STATE SUPT APPOINTMENT</b> Creates a constitutional amendment to provide for gubernatorial appointment of the superintendent of public instruction and requires advice and consent of the Senate.	Senate Ed
		<i>Lead Agency:</i> <i>SBE Position:</i>	<i>Introduced:</i> 2/23/2005

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Issue	Description	Status	Comments
Principal Certification	There is a strong belief that all people who come in direct contact with students receive specific certification from the state. Currently, state law does not require that principals or assistant principals be certified.	An external work group has been meeting to develop legislative or administrative solutions to this problem. State Board member Marianne McGuire has been part of this work group. Some of these solutions may require new SBE policy or legislation.	
Increase Drop Out Age	It is believed that no child should be allowed to drop out of school; that the cost to the child and to society is too great.	SB 4 and HB 4049 have been introduced. The bills are in their respective education committees	Key members of the legislature have indicated concerns with simply changing the drop out age. They believe it should be in conjunction with some other type of program – perhaps an alternative school program. MDE staff will be working with associations to develop some possible options.
Required Expulsions or Zero Tolerance	Current law can exclude or suspend a student from a classroom indefinitely. While there are some provisions to insure children are in a classroom environment, there is a strong belief that many children's educational needs are being neglected.	Conceptual solutions are being developed.	

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Public School Academy Oversight	It is believed that legislation should be developed to implement elements of the McPherson Report.	The McPherson Report and other issues are being reviewed for possible inclusion in proposed legislation.	The Auditor General has expressed the need for additional oversight of PSAs.
Dual Enrollment	The Cherry Commission has recommended that dual enrollment be expanded so that 50% of all high school seniors are taking some college courses by 2014.	The Department will work with and take the lead in developing methods to increase dual enrollment.	
Pupil Transportation Act (PA187)	There is a need to recodify and bring PA 187 up to date.	Language has been provided to Senator Allen, who is developing legislation.	
Community Youth Workers	The State Board adopted a statement regarding Community Youth Workers.	Specific legislative language and/or SBE policies and guidelines will be developed for State Board consideration.	
High School Reform	There is currently an MDE work group developing recommendations and guidelines for 21 <sup>st</sup> century high schools. Some of these recommendations will require new legislation.	Will seek necessary legislation when the work group makes its report.	The Cherry Commission also makes these changes.
ISD Partnership	The MDE and the ISD community have developed what is referred to as the ISD Partnership. This effort has resulted in the review of many of the traditional relationships between the MDE and ISDs.	If legislative issues are identified, they will be developed into legislative initiatives.	
Repeal of Antiquated or Unfunded Legislation	The MDE is currently reviewing many state laws to determine whether they are necessary or	Department staff will finalize the list of issues and it will be forwarded to the Legislature.	It is not uncommon for programs for which there is not adequate funding to administer. This effort should help address this problem.

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School Accreditation	adequately funded. There is a need to tighten up the state law in this area to reflect the tougher standards of NCLB and EducationYes! The purpose of this is to insure that schools that do not receive Title I funds are meeting rigorous standards.	MDE Staff is developing legislative language.	